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**■ BUDGET:** Next meeting Monday Port navigating toward 2.5% tax increase

> MARYANNE FIRTH InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - While the 2011 budget is still a work in progress, Port Colborne city council inched closer toward its goal last Tuesday night.

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Noisy, ugly and cumbersome: those are argument being made by opponents of wind turbines.

Submitted photo

# Turbines face winds of opposition

JOHN VESSOYAN InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET- They are ugly, noisy and cumbersome. they say. And by the sounds of things, many Wainfleet residents don't want them in their backvard.

A proposed wind turbine farm in the township was the hot topic of discussion in township council chambers

last Wednesday night. IPC Energy is the developer for Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc., and wants to build five wind towers in Wainfleet. The cost of the project is \$25

million. See TURBINES I page 2



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# **Opponents cite noise factor**

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But the company has been met with resistance by local residents who want their town to remain the same. Frank Hintenberger, a husband and father of three young children, is opposed to

wind farms being erected in his hometown. "What are we doing here? Just abolish it," he said during

the public meeting. "I don't want to see them here because of the noise."

Ald. David Wyatt also expressed his displeasure with the idea of bringing this form of wind energy here. "I know this is a huge issue.

I must admit, I am not against green energy. I don't think anyone here is against green energy," Wyatt said

"I think with the issues

come up is the type of energy they're looking to try to develop in Wainfleet. I don't think this issue will go away any time soon "

He said he moved to Wainfleet 11 years ago because it's a rural, quiet community

"We can bear the birds in our backyard and we can enjoy the country-side. That's the way this community should stay," he said. "There are a lot of commu-

nities in the Niagara region that would love factories and industrial projects - they can enjoy all of that stuff. We need peace of quiet in the Niagara region and that's Wainfleet." Resident Andrew Watts called the wind turbines any.

thing but "warm and fuzzy," He said if the turbines come

coming up and what has to town, "it will overtake Wainfleet Among the supporters of wind turbines was Dan

Augustine As he spoke on Wednesday, there were jeers from many people who were sitting in the gallery who didn't agree with the words

he uttered "Windmill technology is ancient technology - it's been around for over 900 vears with no problems." Augustine said.

"Wind power is supported by Wainfleet Township's official plan, both the existing plan and also the one that was recently in place. Once you have the turbine. wind is relatively inexpensive resource. Wind energy is a highly efficient product and is renewable.

"Wind power has a low impact on the environment. unlike burning of coal or natural gas. Both types emit harmful toxins'

Tom Lewis, the planning and environment manager for IPC Energy, said at least one more pubic meeting needs to take place regarding this issue. He said IPC Energy appreciates comments from local citizens and said the opposition to wind farms in Wainfleet isn't as bad as in some other cities and towns in Ontario

"That wasn't a big turnout," Lewis said of the meeting. "I've been chased out of places before. That (Wainfleet meeting) was rather tame. The issue will go before council on March 8.

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Wainfleet residents made their views known on wind turbines. like this one in nearby Lowbanks, proposed for the township during a recent meeting.

**■ BUDGET** 

# 'Our work is not done yet,' Badawey says

#### FROM PAGE 1

Beginning with a tax levy increase of 6.94% over 2010 stemming from budget deliberations on Feb. 7 - council was able to axe more than half that figure, ending the night with a 3.14% increase. "Our work is not done yet."

Mayor Vance Badawey told council. "We need to get the rutes down' He said it's a matter of prioritizing, giving the community the greatest value for each

dollar budgeted. At the Feb. 7 meeting, staff were directed to review the budget to keep the levy

T h e result of that meeting was a package

per day -7 days per week.

increase close to the rate of presented to council Tuesday inflation of about 2.5%. night that reduced the city's net The city's department heads

then met on Feb In to discuss and review the budget in its entirety. said Peter Senese. director of

commu-

nity and

services

corporate Badawey

"We made permanent cuts. It's deep and it's sore," he

said, adding managers will be "extremely tested to make sure we don't end up with a deficit

levy requirements by \$479,636.

decreasing the 2011 tax levy to

"Ever yone needs to be extra

keen in watching every penny,

said chief administrative offi-

forth the numbers they

believed they could get by with

this year while still successfully

operating, he said.

Department heads brought

just more than \$12 million.

Council reviewed the package line by line, asking many questions and discussing any cuts councillors deemed unnecessary. Much discussion was had

about the fire department, for which staff proposed more than \$183,000 in reductions. A majority of those funds — \$129 000 \_ come from new firefighter salary and benefit

savings. The city always budgets for first-class firefighters using the top end of the salary scale even though some firefighters begin in probationary. third-or fourth-class ranks, said

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Senese. The remaining funds each year are put into reserve for firefighter sick leave payout upon retirement, he said This year's budget, Senese said, will reflect actual wages

and benefits firefighters are receiving, rather than budgeting for high-rank salaries only Staff also proposed \$10,500 in reductions to the department's budget for vehicle parts and repairs, which council

The other big issue of the evening was debate over funds budgeted for tourism

and the economic development office

students operating the visitors centre. Funds for the wages will hopefully be satisfied through a federal grant, said Stephen Thompson, manager of economic development. tourism and marketing. The plan, he said, is to

Staff proposed \$10,500

in cuts budgeted for Port

Colborne's promotional DVD

and for part-time wages for

eventually have the visitors' centre run by volunteers. The next budget meeting

is scheduled for March 7 at 5 p.m. in council chambers. mfirth@wellandtribune.ca

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# portraits

■ PRODUCTION: Operatic Society musical running now

# **Singing praises for Operatic Society's Irene**



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PORT COLBORNE — The

stage and the talent on it is comparable to any New York or Toronto production. The Port Colborne Operatic

Society opened its production of Irene, an ambitious musical project recently at the Lakeshore Catholic High auditorium.

Set in 1919, the tale revolves

around Irene O'Dare, an entrepreneurial daughter with business management aspirations whose mother just wants her

married and settled down.

The opening night crowd enjoyed the show immensely, judging by reactions during and after the show.

In the lead role as Irene, Melinda Fetz dazzles the audience and completely draws them into the essence of her character, a festy, determined, young Irish lass who crosses the social classes and meets her Prince Charming her first job as the proprietor of a piano

tuning company.

"Fetz's voice is dynamic
and so familiar to me, it
reminds me of Judy Garland,"

said Virginia Shibley of Port Colborne.

"Simply outstanding."
"I think the lead is the strongest I have seen in a long time," said Clara Simpson of Welland, with husband Stewart nodding in agreement.

"The characters, the dancing, the choreography and the accents are all incredible. I started going (to Port Colborne Operatic Society's presentations) as a little girl and I continue to support this wonderful

event," said Clara. Jamie Mowat plays the part of Madame Lucy/Liam, the audience ripping into laughter

audience ripping into laughter with his introduction scene. "Everyone should come and see this superb acting," said

Terry Dyson of Welland.

"Madame Lucy steals the show," added wife, Muriel.

It is such a different role for Jamie than being a cowboy in Oh Canada, Eh — it really

shows his versatility," said Muriel. Tim Barnai, his passion for theatre translating strongly into his performance, plays Donald Marshal III, O'Dare's

love interest.

Stephanie Menicanin,
who plays Geraldine O'Dare,
Irene's mother, is a natural on

the stage delivering a stellar performance.

Veteran performers Randy Mayne and Ed Kalailieffe, who also performed in the

who also performed in the 1982 presentation of Irene, are to be held in the highest regard for the cellence of their delivery. Credit should be given to

the entire cast and crew for facilitating this performance with the utmost attention to detail.

The next performances of

Irene will be March 4, 5, 6 at Port Colborne's Lakeshore Catholic High School auditorium on Janet St.

The society's official ticket agents are Don and Lisa Gram at Crew's Quarters, 192 West St., Port Colborne, and can be reached at 905-834-5921, Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to





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### ourview

## Low turnout

portsfest didn't score as big with local folk as it did last year. Gary Makins, Port Colborne's manager of community services, reports a decline in attendance for the event that played out over the weekend.

While Mayor's Cup hockey tournament was a success, Makins said, noting 16 teams coming out to play, nobody showed for youth flag football, there were low numbers for youth road hockey and the sports celebrity evening failed to draw a large

crowd "That was the biggest disappointment," said Makins. "I don't

know if it's the economy: We don't know why no one turned out for the event either. Is it that people wanted to go away for the long weekend, as Monday was the Family Day holiday, or that people aren't as

interested in Sportfest as they once were We think the city needs to take a look at the overall event and determine whether it is worth carrying on next year

Maybe the successful events, like the hockey and volleyball tournaments and free public skating should be kept and the events that drew no crowds, be dropped completely. It would be better than dropping the whole event.

The city could poll residents and those that attended the event and find out what they'd like to see happen during Sportsfest, what events would work and what wouldn't

### Turbine opposition

Wainfleet residents made their views known about wind turbines last week at a public meeting, calling them ugly, noisy and

The public meeting was held so residents could air their views and the comments would be taken down and passed on to the Ministry of Environment. The township's views were also to be passed on

IPC Energy, the developer for Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc., wants to build five wind towers in Wainfleet. The cost of the project is \$25 million. IPC has said the project will bring economic benefits to the township, but have yet to completely outline what those benefits are.

Tom Lewis, the planning and environment manager for IPC Energy, wasn't prepared to talk about those benefits at a recent council meeting, but said he'd come back and explain them. We'd like to see Lewis come back and tell everyone exactly what

positive benefits will come Wainfleet's way Sure, Wainfleet will take in some development fee charges and will take in taxes from the land being used, but as we understand it, it won't be allowed to charge full fees.

What if, as turbine opponents claim, land values around the turbines start to drop? What happens then? Wainfleet starts to lose part of its tax base and as a rural community, it doesn't have large industries and businesses to rely on.

#### I'VE BEEN THINKING

# **Everyone used to go to church**

DEV THOMAS P ARTH First Evangelical Lutheran Church

There was a time when almost everybody went to church. Now, I'm talking about 50 or 60 years ago or more. Unless you were sick, or happened to be a nurse or firefighter and had to work, if it was Sunday morning you went to church. These days there are all kinds of other

things happening on a Sunday. The stores are all open so some people are working and others are shopping. There was a time when it would be unheard of to schedule organized sports on a Sunday morning but these days it happens all the time.

But that's not the only change. More and more people have come to see church as lust another optional activity. You might go if you feel like it but it's also really easy just to take a week off, or a few weeks off

Those days of yore (before I was born) when it seemed everyone went to church, that was a much different time. People lived in a "Christian" culture, at least on the surface. Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus were only heard of in storybooks. Iews were heard of in the Bible of course. Atheism and agnosticism lived only in the secret hearts of people.

### ■readers'views FIRST WIND, NOW SOLAR CLAIMS?

I'm not sure I want to criticize any small scale wind or solar projects on individual properties for those who can afford them. There is an argument that they may supplement the individual property owner's energy requirements and they may even reduce the owner's energy costs to a

However, I do not accept any economic logic that suggests that if taxpayers subsidise such individual units under the province's FIT(Feed in Tariff) and pay, in the case of a solar unit like the one at Northland Pointe. up to 16 times the market value per kWh to the owners of such units for any excess energy they produce and sell back to the Ontario power grid.

The entire concept of financing any industry based on as yet uncollected taxes from an already over taxed population. in a province already posting the biggest financial deficit in history, is economic

Both wind and solar industries are based on just the above Feb. 18, there was a quote: 'Solar energy is

In the Tribune front page story on Friday, free and Mother Nature is not subject to the price of oil."

But were people really "Christian?" Just because they went to church didn't mean they were all necessarily better people. Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr used to say that "the saints ought to be at least as decent as ordinary folk." But then and now many of the Christian "saints" could be moralistic, self-righteous, unforgiving

These days fewer people go to church But maybe the few who do go to church on a Sunday morning actually want to be there. They're not just going because it's expected of them. But for the people who rarely or never go to church, what's the point? Well. I'll tell you what I think the point is, or can be, or should be

human beings. Is that really being

Christiani

If you believe in God at all, then going to church is a way of communing with God. If you consider yourself a Christian then going to church is something that nurtures your faith and leads to deeper discipleship and a closer walk with God.

Some people will say that they can worship God just as well on their own or in nature. That can be true. That can also be an excuse. Personal devotional time. with nature or at home, is very important and should also be a part of every

The very next paragraph goes on to refer

Hook forward to the follow-up annual

reports confirming the '\$45,000 in energy

savings a year' and the positive proof

that the project will 'eliminate 50 tonnes

of greenhouse gases over a 20 to 25-year

Similar claims, by both industrial wind

and solar projects, have not yet proved to be

As for natural gas boilers operating at

95% efficiency? First of course, it is a fossil

of supposed 'green energy.' If they stop and

start as the sun appears and disappears as

the necessary backup to solar then they will

most certainly not operate at 95% efficiency.

figures and think about it. Would you spend

And have a look at those preceding

your hard earned money, let alone your

taxes, on products that offer perhaps only

claims? And those claims admitted by

an 80% chance of living up to the salesman's

the salesman before you actually pay for

fuel, one of the biggest arguments in support

to the '\$700,000 project' I guess any project paid for exclusively with your tax dollars is therefore 'free?'

Interesting concept.

even remotely true.

them

Christian's spiritual practice. But it's not a replacement for worship in community. Christianity is based in community. The Holy Trinity, God's very self, is communal in nature. We are baptized into a community of faith, into the body of Christ, We celebrate Holy Communion in community. We worship together and we strengthen and are strengthened by one

another's faith So, do you never go to church? Then how about going once in a while? Do you attend church on festivals like Christmas and Easter? Then how about increasing that to once every month or two? Do you go to church once a month? Then how about increasing that to twice a month? Do you go to church every week? Then how about increasing your participation by serving on the altar guild, making coffee, singing in the choir, offering to read the lessons.

Worship is at the core of who we are and how we live as Christians. Think about it. Pray about it. Come up with ways to increase your participation in worship. You may be pleasantly surprised at how it can renew your spirit and deepen your

#### CLEANING UP NIAGARA

Now that we have a new waste collection system starting soon, I thought I would write to the region about the litter that abounds. I was told this is the responsibility of the municipality, region or province depending on the classification of the

Regarding all those pink plastic bags that are thrown around containing newsprint, it would be appreciated if this distribution could be handled some In addition, we are to report people

who are caught disposing of refuse - if we can get the licence plate number. I should tell those who use Morgan's Point Rd. in Wainfleet they should cease and desist from leaving behind their fast-food cups and wrappings, used condoms, beer cans and bottles.

empty cigarette boxes, cigarette butts from their car ashtrays, used tissues, dog poop, empty plastic containers, papers and cartons and other stuff. If I catch you, I will be making a citizen's arrest. Shame on you.

Pat Cusack Wainfleet

Andrew Watts Wainfleet

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# A garage sale with no garage



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are two of the nicest, most

down-to-earth and honest

Apart from a willingness

Bruvere are so much

A while back, when the hall came into a need for somebody to look after it and run the place, Carole jumped right in. With Bill closely behind her. That's how they do things, the Bruyeres; where one goes the other follows to help.

So when Carole agreed to run Brebeuf Hall, stems from their many years parishioners were actually getting a team effort. And an excellent team it is.

Bill and Carole operate with a quiet no-nonsense efficiency, a professionalism that gets things done, yet always with a personal approach.

I was fortunate enough to be involved first-hand in a fundraising activity that was held at Brebeuf Hall. Carole and Bill walked our whole group through the entire event, every step of the way. It began with the plan, to the actual time we

started to the very end, from preparation to execution to cleanup. They went so far above and beyond the call

of duty it was amazing. Which leads to a garage sale Brebeuf Hall hosted a couple of Saturdays ago. on the 19th of February to be exact. It was a first for the parish and it was pretty much a spur-of-the-

moment kind of thing. Carole lost her father recently and the time had come for the family to decide what to do with his belongings. So she, Bill and her family came up with a novel idea that would also benefit the hall

"We actually thought that we could sell some of my dad's stuff," she explains of the original idea to hold a garage sale in the hall. And by expanding the idea to include others, it would turn into a terrific fundraiser for the hall, especially during

the long, dark days of February when garage sales are but a distant summer

"We figured everybody is always looking for something to do in the winter." Carole says, And she was right.

Carole and Bill put the call out hoping to attract about 20 vendors. By the time the 19th rolled around. 40 set up shop in the Killaly Street hall, Amazing,

And people came, boy did they come. By the time I got there shortly after 9 a.m.,

vehicles were lining both sides of the street and the parking lot was getting full. And it's a big parking lot.

There was a wide variety of goods available, all the usual kind of stuff you would expect to see at a garage sale, and not junky

stuff either.

Carole's mother and sisters were busy in the kitchen, selling such goodies as beef on a bun and cabbage rolls. Note to self: don't have breakfast before going to the next one. And speaking of the next

one, it's coming up next Saturday, March 12, based on the success of this past

"It really turned into a good fundraiser for the church and hall." Carole says, and Lord knows every

little bit helps in this day So, while Carole, Bill and Carole's family are concentrating on March 12 at the moment, they are

looking ahead to do another one later this year. See DUMA | page 6







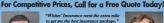


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# Wonderful parish had a strong sense of community

#### FROM PAGE 5

"We're going to shoot for sometime in October or November," she says. And from there on in. the Bruveres will commit themselves to hosting three a year in the coming years.

No moss growing under those four feet, let me tell It's a wonderful parish, St. Jean de Brebeuf is. I've known many folks over the

years that called it their church home; it always struck me as having a strong sense of community. And the church's circular shape is both unique and beautiful

When my honey was

young and the church was being constructed, she wondered aloud to her grandma why the church was being built into a round

"It's so the Devil can't back you into a corner,

dear," grandma replied Hey, it's as good a reason as I could ever imagine. Never knew grandma. Wish

George Duma is a resident of Port Colborne and has spent 30 years in the newspaper business. He welcomes comments and column suggestions and can be reached at: gduma@ coreco.ca

#### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

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GEORGE DUMA InPort News Photo Even though co-organizer Carole Bruvere, right, shared a table with her sister Diane Busby on the stage at St. Jean de Brebeuf Hall during the garage sale held there a couple of Saturdays ago, her eye was never far from the action of the main level, always making sure the event was running smoothly. Carole and her husband Bill are planning another garage sale at the hall for next Saturday, March 12



# Region primed for a tax cut, but not everyone happy

#### MATTHEW VAN DONGEN OMI Agency

THOROLD - Regional council is poised to cut taxes this year, thanks in large part small (tax) to the province's uploading decrease. of millions of dollars in social sold finance service costs.

worried residents will pay a high price in 2012 for an artificially low budget this year. The region's staff and budget committee have

commis-But some councillors are eionar Brian Hutchings at a budget ing last Thursday whittled this year's proposed night. If council net operating budget to just under \$284 million, a slight approved increase over 2010 of about

But combined with assessment growth of about 1.47%. pretty much everyone in Niagara would see a

Hutchings

the proposed budget, the average owner of a property seeseed at \$210 000 would pay about \$1,325 - or \$12 less than in 2010, Hutchings

said Councillors shaved more than \$330,000 off the proposed budget when they overturned a Niagara Regional Police board decision to add

money to a reserve fund. A debate on more cuts ended abruptly after not enough councillors voted to extend the meeting past the normal 11 p.m. deadline.

Not everyone was happy with the near-zero budget. Lincoln Mayor Bill Hodgson pointed out actual regional spending is still

going up 6% this year. The region had more than

\$13 million in unloading dollars to off set that spending increase, he said - but next year, the provin-

cial savings will only amount to "We can't stick our heads

in the sand and pretend it's OK to spend (all the upload money)," he said. "This is not

Other councillors echoed the warning.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Lord Mayor Dave Eke called the use of provincial uploading money "the elephant in the room

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey said council "will be on the hook" for millions next year that won't be available from the province. He warned counciflors won't be happy with 2012 newspaper headlines "talking about a 6% tax increase."

Council also has to find room in next year's budget for new public transit costs,

added chief administrative officer Mike Trojan. The region will pay the \$900,000 operating costs for this fall's

triangle bus service between Welland, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines by dipping into reserves. The annual operating costs of the service, however, is closer to \$2.7 million. "Those are rabbits that we

have to pull out of the hat in a sustainable way," Trojan said. Thursday's meeting also ended without debate on 2011 water and sewer rates.

Regional staff estimate the combined rate increase for water, sewage and garbage will be about 1.6%.

#### FOR KID'S SAKE



Township of Wainfleet staffer Grant Munday throws the ball during Bowl for Kid's Sake last weekend

onstipation is defined as having a bowel movement fewer than three times per week. With constipation stools are usually hard, dry, small in size, and difficult to eliminate. Some people who are constinated find it painful to have a bowel movement and often experience undue straining, and bloating. Constination is a symptom, not a disease,

Almost everyone experiences constipation at some point in their life, and a poor diet typically is the cause. Most constipation is temporary (thankfully) and not serious. As a matter-of-fact, constipation is one of the

most common gastrointestinal complaints in North America, More than 4 million people have frequent constination, accounting for 2.5 million physician visits a year. Those reporting constipation most often are women and adults ages 65 and older. Here's how your body works... as food

moves through the colon, the colon absorbs water from the food and it forms stool (waste products). Muscle contractions in the colon

then push the stool toward the rectum. By the time the stool reaches the rectum it is solid. because most of the water has been absorbed

Constipation occurs when your colon absorbs too much water or if the colon's muscle contractions are sluggish. causing the stool to move through the colon too slowly.

The stool then becomes hard and dry causing the whole process to back-up and plug. If you are suffering from the discomfort of

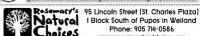
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### ALONG THE LAKESHORE

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 14 **Port Colborne Optimists** will host a Girls Night Out. The event will be held at the Brebeuf Hall, 300 Killaly St. East, Port

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Tuesday, March 15 the Red Cross Babysitting Course is offered to youths 11 to 15, teaching them to be prepared and responsive caregivers. Each student must bring a doll/ teddy bear and a lunch. Event is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rregistration by March 8. Only 18 spaces available, \$50 fee. Upon completion receive a certificate from the Red Cross.



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# Annual winter festival fails to score in some arenas

#### IOHN VESSOVAN InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -Sportsfest didn't score as big with local folk as it did last year. A chief organizer is reporting a decline in attendance for the event that played out over the weekend. Nobody showed for outh flag football, there were low numbers for youth road hockey and the sports celebrity evening failed to draw

a large crowd. "That was the biggest disappointment said Gary Makins, Port

community services. "I don't know if it's the economy

The Mayor's Cup hockey tournament was a success. Makins said. noting 16 teams - two more than last year competed at Westside and Teeder Kennedy

Colborne's manager of arenas. There were teams from Niagara as well as Barrie, Peel and Halton regions.

Sportsfest's free public skating session was also a big hit with the crowd looking for cheap fun, as was the volleyball tournament at Lakeshore Catholic

High School. Some new events are being planned for next year, such as

a polar bear dip and more family- related activities. The annual festival started Thursday, Feb. 17 and ended on Family Day Monday.

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DAVE HANLISCHLIK Staff Photo Lakeshore Catholic Kristina Toppazziani, left, blocks a shot from Notre Dame forward Vanessa Vanderzalm in Zone 3 girls high school hockey final action Thursday at Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena in Port Colborne

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# **Notre Dame** sweeps final

#### InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -Kristina Toppazziani was one swamped Gator in Thursday afternoon's Zone 3 girls high school final. At times, the Lakeshore Catholic goaltender was so busy dazzling both her

teammates and opponents from Notre Dame with save after save that she resembled an octopus flailing to keen her team alive in the sudden-death game. In the end, the host Gators needed more than their backstop in a 5-0 loss that gave the visiting

Fighting Irish a sweep in

the best-of-three final, but

Toppazziani's standout

play made her the unani-

mous choice of player of the game. "No question, their goalie was outstanding today. They weren't keeping shots today, but she must have stopped close to 60 shots. She kept them in the game," Notre Dame coach Ted Shellhorne said

Lakeshore head coach Tish Badawey agreed wholeheartedly with her coaching counterpart that Toppazziani is the "top

goalie in the region" and was the star of Thursday's

"She keeps us alive and in every game. During the regular

season, the backstop recorded five shutouts as the Gators went 6-2, losing only to the Irish. "We just can't seem to get by them. They're a solid team and they have a

circles around everybody." Badawey said after the Irish defeated their regional rivals for the fourth time this season. Sarah Simpson, with a hat trick, and her twin sister Kathryn, with two goals, scored for Notre Dame which improved to

8-0-1 in league play and

to 24-4-0-2 overall with

the Thursday's win at the Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena. Tor i Menard was between the pipes for the Irish, but faced few shots in earning her second straight shutout of the series. In Game 1 she backstopped

Notre Dame to a 7-0 win. Despite Lakeshore's loss in the Zone 3 final. the Gators nonethe-

less will advance to next week's Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Association qualifier in Welland where they will

face - who else? - Notre Dame in the semifinals. "We definitely have to put some of our stronger players on defence and hope for a couple of

Notre Dame hopes few players who just skate to avenge a 2-1 loss to Waterdown in last year's SOSSA final with an offence that is dominated by four players who compete at the midget AA level in St. Catharines - Tiff any Campbell, Kyra Kovacs, Taylor Wormald and Vanessa Vanderzalm, the

teams leading scorer. "She 70 goals on the season and 45 assists. Shellborne said of a multisport threat who also played field lacrosse and basketball for the Irish.

Vanderzalm only had two assists in Thursday game. but her presence on the ice opened up the offence for her linemates.

"Vanessa usually draws two players, so that opens ice for everyone else," Shellhorne said





# Port students look forward to Kenya trip

### For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE - Carly Richardson and Arden Bull, Port Colborne High School students, have their hearts set on travelling to the Maasai Mara region of Kenya this summer to help build a school and a water

filtration system The two girls will be travelling through the Me to We organization whose goal is to help with the development of multiple countries such as Kenya, Ecuador and

They will help build a school for children who have never been inside a classroom and create wells for the community water project, which provides safe drinking water for local African families

They will also participate in workshops learning about the poverty related issues in Africa, explore villages, learn about traditional Maasai culture and take Swahili lessons in order to understand and communicate more effi-

ciently with the locals. "We're really looking forward to interacting with the people in Kenya," said Carly. "It's going to be an amazing experience, we're very

excited. In order to go on the trip Carly and Arden must raise \$5,000. The two organized a benefit concert at The Hub this past weekend.

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CARLY RICHARDSON For InPort News

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social circumstances A third program recently made available is The Meds Check Program for Ontarians

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These Meds Check services provide an excellent opportunity for patients to resolve any medication issues. As well, the pharmacist can help patients access other services in the community such as the local Community Care Access Centre, Diabetes Education Centers, and different support groups. In addition patient's physicians will be made aware of the assessment and may follow up with patients reparding any outstanding issues. If you are interested in any of these services for yourself, or someone you know please contact Boggio Pharmacy at (905)834-3514 or Boggio and Edwards Pharmacy at (905)894-2200.

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By purchasing one waffle students will be contributing to the success of the hospital and supporting research and care for those in need.

"It's a great idea," Port High student Lindsev Riedke said. "I think a waffle lunch is a great way to raise money for McMaster Hospital because students already buy their lunches, so why not buy a lunch that will help children

Students were encouraged to forget the boring sandwich for a day and indulge in a delicious waffle with a scoon of ice cream on top for your Wednesday lunch. Waffles were sold in the front fover of the school for \$5 each, half of the proceeds henefiting McMaster Hospital, the other half benefiting the school.

#### SCHOOL'S GOT TALENT For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE - Port Colborne High School will be holding its second annual Port High's Got Talent, talent show this year on April 8 and will be taking place in the small gymnasium.

The show is open to all types of talent and students have been encouraged to audition no matter what their



**DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo** Port Colborne High School students Arden Bull, left, and Carly Richardson are hoping to raise \$5,000 each so they can travel to Kenya with the Me to We organization and help build a school and water system in the Maasai Mara region of the

talent is. The event is heing will be allowed to see the put on by student council. show, but family members In last year's show there of performers are welcome were bands, solo acts and to come and enjoy the talent dancing acts, as well as a few that the school has to offer. other performances, and this

The school has gone through a variety of different talent shows, such as, Battle of the Bands, where the student's in the school are able to perform with their hand and compete with other hands for the top spot, as well Blue Bear Idol, where solo singers were able to audition and compete with other singers for first place.

#### FOR THE NAVY



JOE CSEH Tribune Photo The Navy League of Canada Lake Erie Shore branch was the recipient of a \$775 cheque

recently from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 in Port Colborne. From left are commanding officer Naval Cadet Bonnie MacNeil, legion president John Barber, cadet Drake Crawford, and veterans affairs and poppy co-ordinator Gayle Benner.

■ OFF WORK: CAO breaks leg

# **Bad break for Wainfleet CAO at Mayor's Cup tournament**

InPort News Staff

WELLAND - Wainfleet township took second place in the Mayor's Cup hockey tournament on Family Day weekend - but it cost them a chief administrative officer and a volunteer firefighter. CAO Scott Luev broke his

right leg in a Saturday game against Haldimand County. while volunteer firefighter Basil Barrick took a puck to the face in one game.

Mayor April Jeffs, who was at the game, said Barrick needed 15 stitches to close a cut by his

swollen shut and kept him from playing any other games. Speaking from Welland hospital, Luey said his injury came

with about five minutes left in the game against Haldimand. "I was having a really good game, I'd already scored one goal. Harold Kelly (drainage superintendent) and I had a two-on- one going on," said

He was headed into the corner and put all his weight on his one leg, trying to lean toward the front of the net to

make a pass to Kelly. "A Haldimand player was

behind the net." As that player steered him, Lucy lost his footing and went

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on Sunday The chief administrative officer expects to be out of the hospital to be off work for six to eight weeks.

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Thank you. We look forward to your input.



off the ice this past Saturday during the Mayor's Cup hockey tournament at Sportsfest





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The Royal Canadian Air Cadets 79th Lynton Davies Squadron in Port Colborne received a cheque for \$775 from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 55 recently. From left are parents sponsoring committee chair Carol Begin, cadet Tim Simmonds, legion president John Barber, veterans affairs and poppy co-ordinator Gayle Benner, cadet Richard Begin, and squadron commanding officer Carp. John Berousie.



The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Renown received a cheque for \$775 from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 55 recently, From left are cadet Eatham MacLean, legion president John Barber, veterans affairs and poppy co-ordinator Gayle Benner, cadet Paula Borland, and commanding officer (Leut.(1)) Terry MacNell.



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leaders with diverse backgrounds to reflect the demographics of our service area - individuals who are committed to strengthening our community through the United Way.

We are working to ensure we have representation from corporate. government, non-profit and community sectors (our key stakeholder groups).

three-year term. The Board meets a minimum of 10 times per year on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for approximately 2 hours and some time is also expected out of formal board meetings. The Annual General Meeting is in

March. Some committee work is also required.

You must be 18 years of age or older and residing or working in South Niagara. Please forward your letter of nomination including a resume no later than

Monday, March 21st, 2011, marked "Confidential" to: Nominations Committee United Way of South Niagara c/o Peter Papp, Executive Director

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# Search on for Great Kids

InPort News

WELLAND - The Search for Great Kids has begun. The Tribune is again team-

ing up with its partners to find the best young people south Niagara has to offer. "This is our sixth year running this youth recognition

program and it grows every year and more and more people are talking about it," said Tribune circulation manager Karln Vanderzee. "It truly is an opportunity to hear great stories about all these great kids that live right in our community." Young people who stand

out from the crowd for the acts of kindness they've shown others, or for the obstacles and challenges they've overcome to achieve their personal best should be nominated.

The event will culminate with an awards gala May 1 at the Welland Lions Club. when nominees will have an opportunity to share their stories

Vanderzee called the event "moving and inspiring," adding it will be televised by CogecoTV three times the following week.

Meridian Credit Union is donating six RESPs for the finalists, worth \$500 each. Nominees will receive a sixmonth family membership at the YMCA

Meridian Credit Union manager Geri Marrone called the event an opportunity to "recognize and applaud positive behaviour and bring attention to these young people in our community

Children can be nominated in three categories:

■ Cool to Be Kind: Nominees will have performed a service or act of kindness, support or encouragement to a friend, family, neighbour or stranger with no personal gain for themselves. This could be an ongoing or one-time service to an individual, group or the

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challenge to achieve a goal. In each of category, top nominees will be selected in two age groups - six to 12

years old and 13 to 18. Nomination forms, will be published in The Tribune four days a week, until March 4. Forms will also be printed in InPort News and Pelham News, and will be posted at www.wellandtribune.ca.They can also be picked up at event

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The Port Colborne Optimist Club held its annual youth appreciation night on Feb. 23, and honoured two students for their devotion to the community. From left are Optimist Club president Cindy Martineau, Port Colborne High School student Katie Robinson, Lakeshore Catholic High School student Alicia Pinelli, and Mayor Vance Badawey.

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It shouldn't come as a surprise that Honda decided to remake the Civic with further environmental awareness not because of the current social climate but because that's what Civic has stood for since its introduction in 1972

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A component of that is aerodynamics, with the new Civic sedan's snout bearing more than a passing resemblance to both the Insight five-door hatchback Insight hybrid and the FCX Clarity fuel-cell sedan. The coupe's nose is pointier, with a smaller grille. It will again be available in

coupe and sedan bodystyles, both in various trim levels, and with a hybrid sedan still in the mix "The Civic is the only

model in the industry that can deliver on all fronts fuel economy, sporty performance, smart packaging, alternative fuel and long-term value," said Jerry Chenkin, executive vice president of sales for Honda Canada Inc. "For the ninth-generation Civic, we are emphasizing improved fuel economy across the board, from the hybrid sedan to the sporty Si models.

The Civic Hybrid sedan will come with aerodynamic

efficient vehicle operation while providing feedback to promote more efficient individual driving styles. It will be available on coupe and sedan models, as well - the first such application in gasoline only models.

Its impact is considerable. with the 2012 Honda Civic sedan, for example, carrying an estimated fuel economy rating of 7.2 L/100km in the city and 5.0 on the highway (a 12% improvement on the current model).

A two percent improvement in fuel economy is also being touted for the Civic Si coupe and sedan, despite the models' 2.4 litre fourcylinder engines (linked to new six-speed automatics) that make an anticipated 200 horsepower and 170 lb,-ft, of torque (a 22% increase).

The regular Civics get motivation from 140 hp 1.8litre four-cylinder engines, with a choice of five-speed manuals or five-speed automatics, while the Hybrid uses a 110-hp 1.5-litre "four" with a continuously variable transmission. All engines use I-VTEC, Honda's variable valve timing and lift system) for improved power and economy.

The interior is an evolution of the current Civic's two-tiered design, with the centre stack angled toward the driver to create a plane cockpit feeling. The steering wheel is also evolved from the current meaty tri-spoke design.

More details and final pricing for the new 2012 Civic will be announced closer to the car's on-sale date. Civic coupes and sedans will be built at Honda's plant in